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1. There is no formal conscription for the North Korean People's Army, but pressure from the North Korea Labor Party and its affiliated organizations is such that the result is the same as if there were conscription. Quotas calling for recruits from 18 to 28 years of age are allocated to each gun (county); the Central Committee of the Labor Party issues instructions to subordinate gun and do (province) committees to see that the recruits are provided. The People's Army Headquarters also brings pressure to bear by dispatching recruiting officers who "force" enlistments.
2. In the mountain valley immediately behind the Aochi Coal Mine, Hamgyong-pukto, 2,000 (?) USSR soldiers are billeted. Their barracks are newly built, but poorly and hastily constructed.
3. At Ryunpo Airfield, Hamju Gun, Hamgyongnamdo, there are many unfinished underground hangars which were begun by the Japanese. The hangars are now being used by the North Korean air force. The number of planes observed at this field varies from 15 to 20. Most of these planes are in rather poor condition.
4. Approximately 100 (?) USSR naval personnel in uniform remain stationed in Wonsan (127-26, 39-10). During the first week of February 1949, two USSR naval craft of approximately 3,000 tons each were seen in Wonsan harbor.

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